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SUBJECT: ITALIAN STATEMENT ON "ZONE B"

1. IF CATALANO MAKES A STATEMENT ON CURRENT DISPUTE
BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA OVER ZONE B-TRIESTE, WE SEE
NO REASON FOR US TO MAKE ANY COMMENT AT ALL. IF, HOWEVER,
HE IMPUTES SOME POSITION TO THE U.S. ON THE SUBJECT, YOU
MAY POINT OUT THAT:

A. WE CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN SINCE
1954 WHEN THE LONDON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE WAS SIGNED BY ITALY,
YUGOSLAVIA, THE UK AND US.

B. AT THAT TIME WE STATED: "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKES
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE IT WILL GIVE NO SUPPORT TO
CLAIMS OF EITHER YUGOSLAVIA OR ITALY TO TERRITORY UNDER
THE SOVEREIGNTY OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE OTHER."

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C. WE HOPE AND TRUST THAT ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA WILL

RESOLVE THE CURRENT ISSUE THROUGH FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE
BILATERAL TALKS. RUSH

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